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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt :

I am the Library Media Director from Region #19, Edwin O. Smith High School in Storrs, Connecticut, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Here at E.O. Smith, we seldom use the Internet successfully due to the cost of installing individual telephone lines to individual classrooms. We tried modifying our school intercom to accept access to a local internet provider, but this did not work because of old wiring dating back to the 1950's. We have had success using the Internet in the Library Media Center, but only because of direct access to a telephone line. Many students can not afford to have Internet or even computer access at home so this leaves the schools trying to bring up the slack. The legislation will also support a consortia we have in this area composed of the regional high school and the elementary and middle schools of three sending towns.

One benefit of our receiving this money will be the installation of a T-1 line that will allow many students in this high school, many school and town administrators, and as many as seven elementary and middle schools to access the internet for e-mail and research.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support of the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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March 25, 1997

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

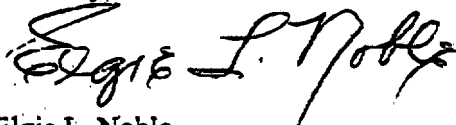
On behalf of the City of Stoughton, fellow users of my community access center, non-profit groups around the country, and American taxpayers, I respectfully urge you and other members of the Commission to delay issuing "digital" licenses to the broadcast television industry until such time as they are ready to use them, and to demand that television broadcasters compensate the federal government for their use of public property.

As you may know, a number of representatives of the broadcasting industry have announced within the past few weeks that their plans to implement "digital television" have been delayed, with most industry sources stating that the spectrum will be used for the purposes for which it was intended no earlier than 1999, and perhaps even later than that. In the meantime, it is likely that they will begin to use the spectrum for non-television services--services for which the rest of the wireless telecommunications industry has paid market-based rates at public auction. In addition to giving away a valuable public resource, this move will also have the effect of giving broadcasters an unfair competitive advantage in relation to other wireless information service providers.

This is \$70 billion that could be used to provide support for public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access to the broadcast media. Non-commercial, non-profit PEG is a highly successful model for creating and promoting citizen involvement in local affairs. PEG access supports distance learning, community involvement and democratic discourse over a variety of media. Now the Commission has an opportunity to give non-profit entities and individuals the ability to generate and disseminate information using the vastly increased carrying capacity of digital television. Funds generated by the sale of digital spectrum at auction could help our children and extend the benefits of the information superhighway to all.

We respectfully urge the Commission to hold the issuance of these valuable licenses in abeyance until such time as the broadcasting industry indicates its willingness to adequately compensate American taxpayers for the use of their property.

Sincerely,



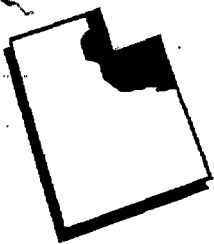
Elgie L. Noble
Superintendent

cc: Edward O. Fritts
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RE: CC Docker No. 96-45

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Our nine school districts' superintendents and myself are writing this letter today in support of the proposed \$2.25 billion "E-Rate" telecommunication discount. The school districts which we represent are small rural districts, which are culturally starved and geographically situated so the telecommunication system is vitally important in terms of core curriculum. This is our life blood. The districts are very poor and need this education rate.

Our support includes support for the proposed adopted rules. We understand if we could get this educational rate, it would provide discounts for all of our schools and libraries.

You as a commissioner at FCC will vote on May 8 to accept or reject these recommendations. We urge you on May 8, to adopt the FCC rules making possible these discounts to schools.

Sincerely,

Roger B. Brown
Executive Director

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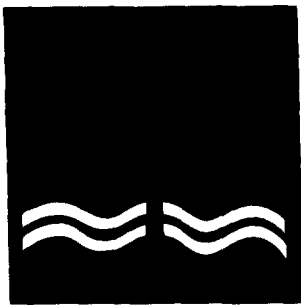
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Chairman Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

Technology has become a necessity for our classrooms. If we are going to prepare students for the future, we must make available to them the materials and resources they need.

As you deliberate on the E-Rate for schools and libraries, I ask that you consider the great need of all schools to become equipped with adequate technology. This technology must be affordable for all schools, public, private and parochial. All children must have access to the Internet and other technological communication systems if they are going to be prepared to take part in a global world.

Please consider the lowest possible rate for all schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sr. Amelia Stenger
Superintendent of Schools
Archdiocese of Louisville

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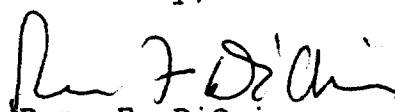
I write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act -- through its Universal Service Fund provisions -- mandates the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classroom and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classroom and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

Currently, the FCC is considering these recommendations and will soon decide on its final rule on universal service for schools and libraries. Please convey your support of these recommendations to the FCC. Thank you for your attention to this matter of considerable importance to all children, schools, classrooms, and libraries.

Sincerely,



Reno F. DiOrio
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Dear Mr Hundt,

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Services to Libraries and Schools

I am writing inn strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules as published last November.

The Recommended Rules would allow libraries and schools significant discounts for telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and school are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn, and work in a increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse areas of our state.

Than you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools - and - ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone.

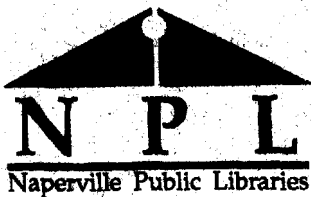
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ELMER F. WILHELM
President, New Lenox Library District
Retired Teacher - District Superintendent

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools -- and -- ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Donna Dziedzic
Library Director

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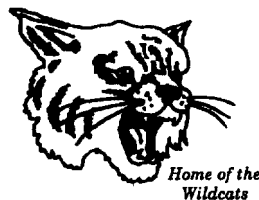
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Dear Honorable Hundt:

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We are writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November. As high school librarians, we are very interested in obtaining Internet Access for all of our 2,300 students.

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Sincerely,

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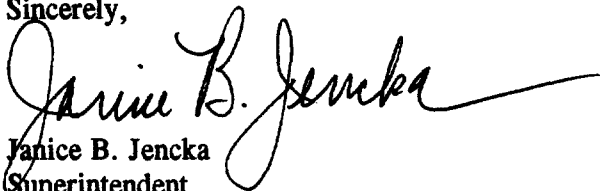
On behalf of the Ingham Intermediate School District Board of Education, I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology.

Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. In addition, with increased access, schools have the opportunity to rebuild themselves into community centers for learning for people of all ages, thereby increasing the potential for our economy to grow and change with technological advances. Having a world class work force is important to citizens in Michigan.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision, the Ingham Intermediate School District Board of Education and I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

We urge you to act upon this opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,


Janice B. Jencka
Superintendent

cc: Senator Spencer Abraham
Senator Carl Levin
Senator Debbie Stabenow

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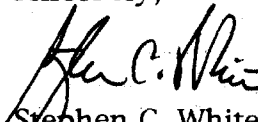
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I urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services, and give schools and libraries flexibility in choosing the services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions, if adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Sincerely,


Stephen C. White
Headmaster

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I am a superintendent from Kit Carson School District in Kit Carson Colorado. We are a very rural and isolated district and as such we have great interest in the implementation of the Telecommunications Act as currently written.

This act will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance -learning opportunities as well. Your inclusion of internal classroom connection for discounts is vital to our district.

We are in the process of implementing a distance learning facility at Kit Carson Schools and the current line charges make this commitment a costly one indeed. These discounts would provide both added educational opportunities for our students and allow us to appropriate additional dollars to other areas of student need as well.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,


Gerald Heefe
Superintendent

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